IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract to read:

A method and apparatus handles I/O (input/Output) scans to multiple logical unit numbers used to identify individual peripheral devices on a small computer system interface. A peripheral device, upon receiving an inquiry command, checks whether a write/read I/O command is outstanding, and if a write/read I/O command is outstanding, sets a delay flag to delay the peripheral device for a predetermined period of time. Upon the expiration of the delay time, the peripheral device initiates a data transfer with a host device.

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